

Better Together

A Free Project Sheet
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Messenger Bag

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Skill Level: Advanced Beginner



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Finished Bag Size: 15" x 11" x 3"
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Fabrics in the Better Together Collection



Rainbows with Hearts
White/Multi – 2205-01



Tossed Mini Hearts
White/Multi – 2206-01



Allover Hands
White/Multi – 2207-01



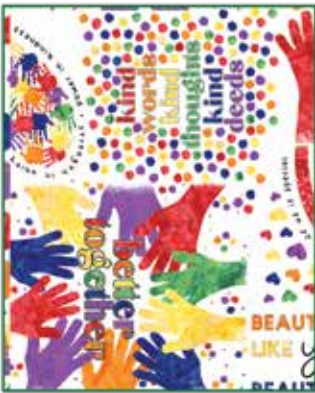
Stars
Navy – 2208-77



Biased Stripe
White/Multi – 2209-01



Allover Hearts
White/Multi – 2210-01



Inspirational Sayings
White/Multi – 2211-01



Tie Dye Stripe
Purple – 2213-55



Blocks
White/Multi – 2212-01



Rainbow Flag
Navy – 2214P-77

Select Fabric from the
Starlet Collection



Red
6383-Red

Materials

$\frac{5}{8}$ yard	Tie Dye Stripe - Purple (A)	2213-55
$\frac{1}{2}$ yard	Rainbows with Hearts - White/Multi (B)	2205-01
$\frac{1}{4}$ yard	Stars - Navy (C)	2208-77
$\frac{1}{2}$ yard	Tossed Mini Hearts - White/Multi (D)	2206-01

You will also need:

- (2) 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces of Fusible Fleece

Cutting Instructions

Please note: All strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage edge unless otherwise noted.

From the Tie Dye Stripe - Purple (A), cut:

- (1) 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.

From the Rainbows with Hearts - White/Multi (B), cut:

- (1) 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.

From the Stars - Navy (C), cut:

- (1) 5" x WOF strip.

From the Tossed Mini Hearts - White/Multi (D), cut:

- (1) 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles.

Bag Assembly

- Following the manufacturer's instructions to press (1) 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Fusible Fleece to the wrong side of (1) 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric A strip to make (1) Unit 1 rectangle (Fig. 1). Repeat to make a second Unit 1 rectangle. Quilt each Unit 1 rectangle as desired.

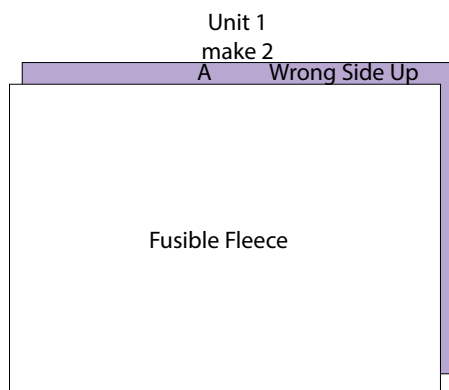


Fig. 1

- Place the (2) Unit 1 rectangles, right sides together. Sew down each short side and across the bottom (Fig. 2).



Fig. 2

- Measure in from the left side and up from the bottom 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and draw a box. Repeat with the other bottom corner (Fig. 3).

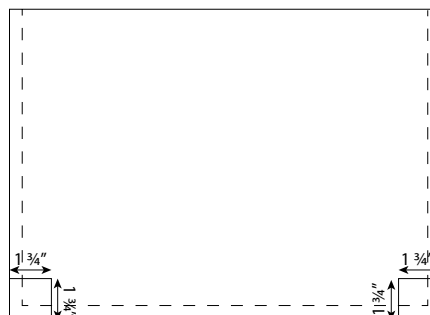


Fig. 3

- Cut each corner on the drawn line as shown in Figure 4 to make the Outer Bag.



Fig. 4

5. Place (2) 13 ½" x 18 ½" Fabric D pieces, right sides together. Sew down each short side and across the bottom, leaving a 4" opening for turning (Fig. 5).

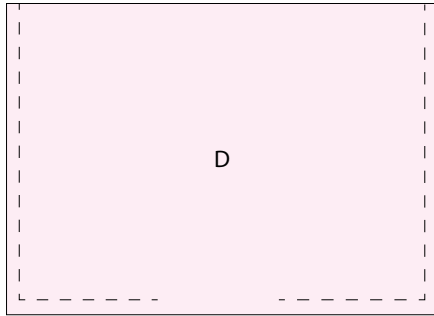


Fig. 5

6. Repeat Steps 3-4 to cut the bottom corners to make the Lining (Fig. 6).

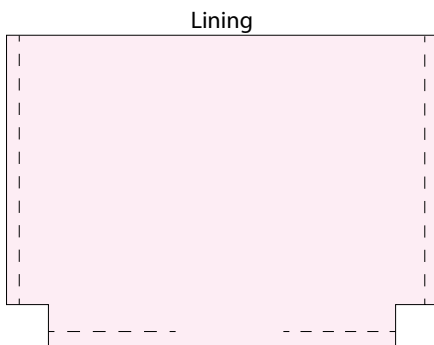


Fig. 6

7. Open the cut bottom on the Outer Bag and align the bottom seam with the side seam to align and pin the two cut edges (Fig. 7). Sew the two edges together to make a box corner. Repeat with the other bottom corner on the Outer Bag.

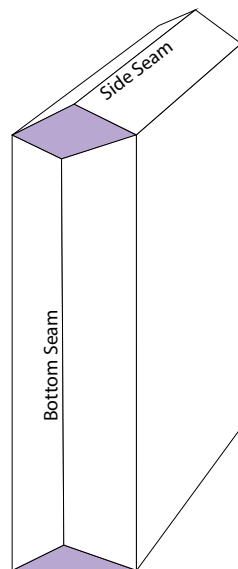


Fig. 7

8. Repeat Step 7 with the Lining to make a box bottom on the Lining.

9. Fold one 5" x WOF strip in half lengthwise and press (Fig. 8). Open the folded fabric and fold each long edge to the creased centerline and press (Fig. 9).



Fig. 8



Fig. 9

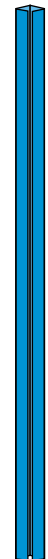


Fig. 10

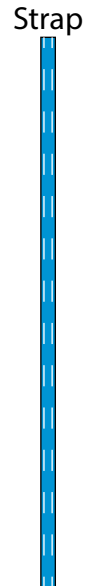


Fig. 11

10. Fold the pressed fabric in half again and press to make one 1 ¼" x WOF strip (Fig. 10). Top stitch down both long sides 1/8" in from the edge to make the Strap. (Fig. 11). Trim the Strap to the desired length.

11. Place (2) 12 ½" x 15 ½" Fabric B pieces, right sides together. Sew down each short side and across the bottom to make the Flap (Fig. 12).

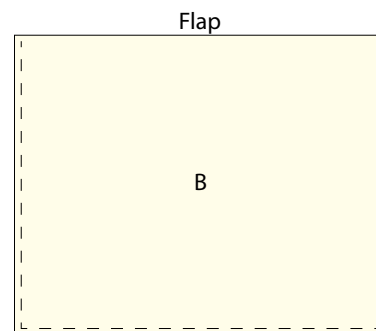


Fig. 12

12. Position and pin the Flap to the back of the Outer Bag, right sides together, aligning the raw edge of the flap with the raw edge of the Outer Bag. Sew the flap to the bag using an 1/8" seam allowance (Fig. 13).

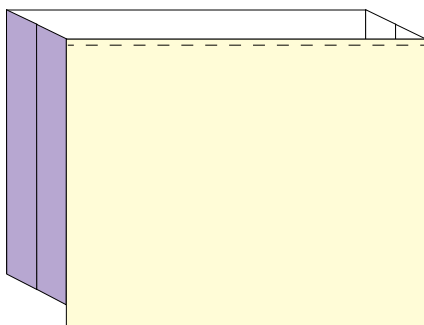


Fig. 13

13. Align one short end of the Strap with the center of the Outer Bag side and pin in place. Run the Strap under the Outer Bag and align the other end of the Strap with the opposite side of the Outer Bag, making sure to center the Strap. Pin in place (Fig. 14).

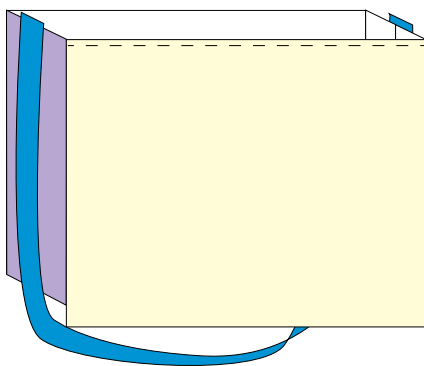


Fig. 14

14. Slide Outer Bag with the Flap and Strap into the Lining, right sides together. Make sure the Strap and Flap are between the Lining and Outer Bag. Align the raw edges on the Lining with the raw edges on the Outer Bag and pin the layers together (Fig. 15). Sew the layers together around the top edge to make the Messenger Bag.

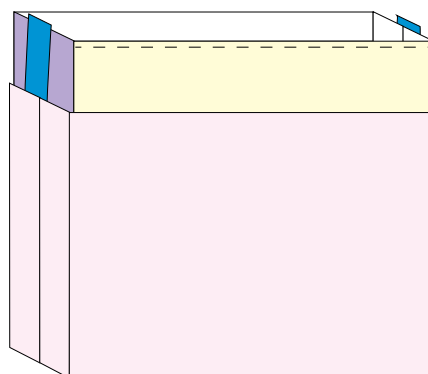


Fig. 15

15. Turn the bag right side out through the opening in the Lining. Turn in the raw edges at the opening a 1/4" and press. Stitch the opening closed (Fig. 16).

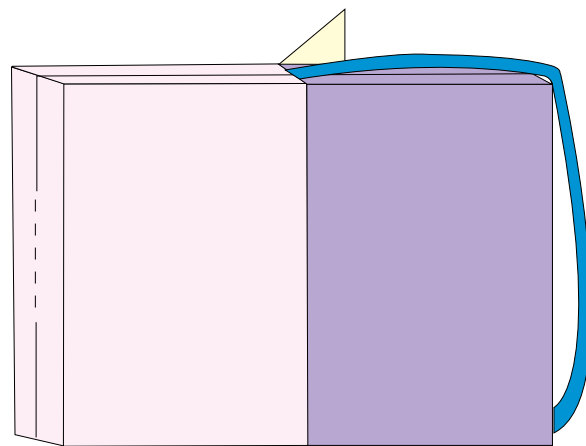


Fig. 16

16. Push the Lining into the bag and press to complete.

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